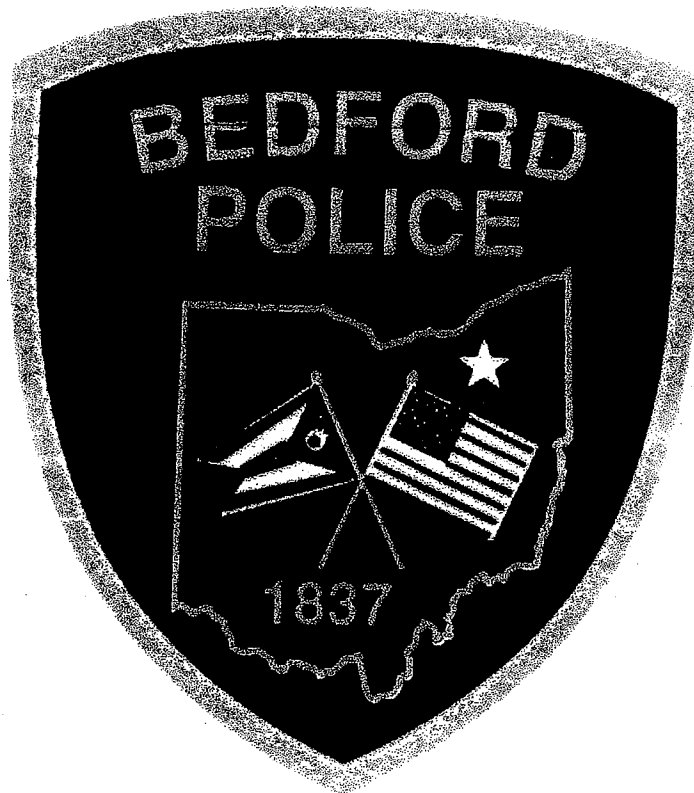


BEDFORD POLICE



Annual Report

2008



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Bedford Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership, which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.



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Uniform Police Personnel
Nancy Hovan

Chief of Police.....	Gregory A. Duber
Lieutenants.....	Robert Kohn Richard Borowiak Kris Nietert David Hinzman Ron Niemann
Sergeants.....	Gerard Artl Timothy Oleksiak Rick Suts
Patrolmen.....	Joseph Martukovich Brian Kozar Robert Chase Edward Mementowski John Pfaff Martin Stemple Keith Collins Dean David Eschweiler Dennis J. Bergansky David R. Dickson James Ritter Shawn Klubnik Sean Francis Buck Kidd Brian Byard Jeff Kirkwood Michael Stask Paul Kellermann Mark Witkiewicz Benjamin Lang Brian Geiger Kevin Webb Stacy Painter Brian Sara Justin Sisak Nicholas Kehl
Total Number Of Officers.....	35



Non-Uniform Personnel

Nancy Hovan

Secretary (to the Chief)	Nancy Hovan
Dispatchers	Jeff Slezak Jacie Kelly Heidi Derrit Tara Reynolds Melanie Sinkie Sara Kozlowski Micki Picha
Part Time Dispatchers	Kim Dickson Katie Duber Michelle Cutright
Detective Bureau Secretary	Janey Mackiewicz
Record Clerk	Michelle Cutright
Part Time Record Clerks	Caren Trivett
Full Time Jailer	Val Closs
Part Time Jailers	Steve Karhan Michael Robinson Chris Carstarphen
Part Time Animal Control	Ron Trivett Steve Karhan Greg Gadt Matt Scharfenberg Kathryn Mitchell
Part Time Car Wash.	Tiffany Brill
Full Time Juvenile Diversion	Penny Jarrell
International Consultant-Trainer (Part Time)	Ron Borsch
Administrative Consultant (Part Time)	Charles Piskura
Department Chaplain	Edward Strnad
Total Number of Support Personnel	27

School Crossing Guards

Walter Jones	Glendale/Turney
Cora Webb	Center Rd.
Paul Flask	Henry/Broadway
Sandy Pocisk	Wheelock/Washington
Leonard Rarick	Johnson/Harriman

Part-Time School Crossing Guards

Steve Senderak

Auxiliary Police

Tara Reynolds	Kenneth Jecmen	Ronald Trivett
Gerald Pastor	Joseph Tuma	Les Ashby
Robert Webb	Dawn Ward	Angela Porinchak
Greg Gadt	Wayne Witkowski	Steve Marmash
Chuck Browning	Mike Miller	Steve Karhan
Deborah Peterson	Alan Benda	Connie Ritter
Shawn Francis	Valerie Warren	Matt Scharfenberg
Mike Robinson	Rita Malcolm	Christopher Hovan
Tatjana Grizancic	Greg Grattino	

Life Members

Del Berger	Pat Williams	Andy Mizesak
Tom Minardo	Joseph Rzeszut	Tom Cashman

Total Number of Non-Uniform Personnel 35

Total Number of Uniform Personnel 35

Total number of Bedford Police Personnel 88



Overview

Chief Gregory A. Duber

The following report is compiled to give a brief synopsis of the Police Departments activities for the year 2008. A more detailed report is on file in the Division of Police.

The information contained in the Annual Report is compiled and prepared by the officers and employees responsible for various administrative tasks in the department.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: CAD Reports are generated to document officer activity. These include calls for service and officer initiated calls.
2008 - 24,866 2007 - 22,454

INCIDENT REPORTS: Incidents Reports are generated to reflect those CAD's that involved a Part I offense, arrest, property damage, or incidents that involved additional follow-up investigation.
2008 - 1725 2007 - 1,619

TRAFFIC CHARGES: Decreased from 2568 in 2007, to 2505 in 2008

PARKING CITATIONS: Increased from 1280 in 2007, to 1438 in 2008

CRIMINAL CHARGES: Increased from 1718 in 2007, to 2284 in 2008

JAIL BOOKINGS: Increased from 1415 in 2007, to 1679 in 2008

ACCIDENT REPORTS: Decreased from 553 in 2007, to 470 in 2008

PART I CRIMES: Decreased from 656 in 2007, to 600 in 2008

CATEGORY	2007	CLEARED	2008	CLEARED
Homicide	1	1	0	0
Rape	1	1	4	4
Robbery	13	6	17	9
Assault	112	108	86	86
Burglary	83	24	37	8
Thefts	368	150	394	174
Auto Theft	73	51	62	47
Arson	5	3	0	0
Total	656	344	600	328

To meet the increase in staffing as directed by Council one new officer was hired and trained in 2008. In addition, one new officer was authorized by Council to replace Officer Collins, who handles the School Resource Officer duties at the Bedford High School. In the past, overtime was paid and split by the City and School to replace Officer Collins on his shift. It is anticipated that the hiring of a replacement would cost less and give the police department an added officer in the summer months. These two hiring's were followed by a retirement of a veteran officer Brian Kozar. The department is currently conducting background investigations and continuing the process to replace Officer Kozar. The department also lost one dispatcher, Micki Picha, to retirement. She was replaced full time by a part time dispatcher. 2008 also saw the promotion of three officers: Sgt Ron Niemann was promoted to Lieutenant to fill a vacancy left by a retirement in 2007. Sgt. Dave Hinzman was promoted to Lieutenant to equal out the shift commander ranks, and Detective Rick Suts was promoted to Sergeant to fill the vacancy of Lt. Niemann.

In 2008, one officer was assigned to a traffic detail. His responsibility was the enforcement of traffic violations and accident investigation within the community. In 2009, depending on staffing, that detail will be double to two officers, patrolling and enforcing traffic violations every day of the week.

The department continued to put the "quality of life" of the residents as their top priority. Warning Notices are placed on abandon vehicles and doors to advise the resident of unacceptable conditions, including but not limited to, putting their garbage out too early or leaving empty cans out longer than necessary and/or blowing grass clippings into the street that could eventually block sewer lines. Residents have ten days to correct the problem or are subject to a citation and appearance in court. Officers and Auxiliary Police focused on juvenile incidents, including walking or playing in the streets and general mischief. Two-man details of patrol officers were assigned to give special attention to juvenile issues and make arrests when violations were observed. They also patrolled playgrounds and the skateboard park.

The Criminal Activity Nuisance Ordinance continues to be utilized to make business and homeowners financially responsible for continual police response to their property. The ordinance has proven effective with prompt response from business and homeowners.

Juveniles continued to be a main focus for the police department. In 2008, 455 juveniles were arrested and charged with 618 offenses, as compared to 2007 when 339 juveniles were arrested and charged with 476 offenses.

We will continue to aggressively address any and all juvenile problems within the City. In 2009 we will start to focus our attention on the responsibility of parents and guardians to supervise their children in regards to curfew violations. Parents will be cited into court if they continue to allow their children to violate curfew ordinances.

The School Resource Officer continues to play an important role in our high school. Students get the opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a non-threatening, friendlier atmosphere. The officer is able to instruct the students on issues that can help them make better decisions later.

With the current worldwide financial crisis and local concerns, the Bedford Police Department will be met with difficult challenges in 2009. Already down one officer, we recently learned of the retirement of another officer effective in March of 2009. We will continue to work cooperatively with the City Administration to ensure the residents of the City of Bedford get the best service possible by their police department.

All members of the Bedford Police Department are committed to the Mission of the Bedford Police Department. I am proud to have the opportunity to lead the dedicated and committed members of the Bedford Police Department and I look forward to leading this department in 2009.



Animal Control
Lieutenant Robert Kohn

In 2007 The City of Bedford employed four part-time animal wardens, with a few personnel changes throughout the year. We hired Katherine Mitchell (Kat) and Matt Scharfenburg as part-time animal wardens, each working two days per week. Steve Karhan resigned from AW duties to focus on the Jail. Greg Gadt and Ron Trivett continued to cover their regular days. Together they provide service to Bedford and Bedford Hts. Mon-Fri 0800-1600 and Sat-Sun 0800-1200, for a total of 48 hours per week. Bedford Hts. pays half portion of our expenses for this service.

The Animal Wardens responded to 1542 calls for service in Bedford, up from 1535 last year. They also handled 375 calls in Bedford Hts, up from 241 in 2007. These included everything from Dogs running at large to requests for animal traps.

With over 110,00 miles the 2002 truck was showing it's age. The new truck, a 2008 Chevrolet, was delayed due to a GM strike, but finally entered service in October. This truck has a larger cab and is all-wheel drive. We were able to re-use the kennel body for a significant cost saving.

The following is a breakdown of services provided by Animal Control Officers:

	Bedford		Bedford Hts.	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Dogs at Large	175	203	102	116
Dogs Transported to APL	432	17	5	
Barking Dog Complaints	76	80	32	34
Dog Defecation Complaints	10	14		
Dog Bites	12	13		
Cats Transported to APL	4	5	2	
Prohibited Number of Animals	2	2		
Cruelty/Neglect	36	28		
Birds in House	3	5		
Deer	39	59		11
Raccoons	158	200	112	
Skunks	101	117	19	
Opposums	62		3	
Bats	6	5		
Request for Traps	144	156	70	
Euthanasia of Animals	399	380	57	
Citations Issued	16	12		
Road-kill Removed	131	156		



Auxiliary Police

Lt. Kris Nietert

The Bedford Auxiliary Police force has an authorized strength of 30 officers. Currently, there are 25 Auxiliaries. The Auxiliaries serve to supplement and support the mission of the Bedford Police Department. They are the extra "eyes and ears" of the Police Department.

The Auxiliaries are responsible for a variety of services in the community. Some of these services include: Bedford Foundation Classic Run/Walk, Memorial Day Parade traffic control, vacation checks, park patrols, security at the square/civic functions, general traffic control, 4th of July fireworks, security at the High School athletic events, Halloween detail, foreclosure checks, and the Christmas detail.

The Auxiliaries continue to play an instrumental role in addressing the juvenile problem areas. This is accomplished via the "juvenile patrol". Their efforts were focused on juveniles walking, riding, or skateboarding in the streets. They also patrol the skateboard park and other city parks. The Auxiliaries also continue to do foreclosure checks. This involves checking to make sure the home is secure and there has been no vandalism to the property.

The Auxiliaries worked a total of 3,529 hours in 2008. They had 4 hour training blocks in baton/defensive tactics and shotgun. They handled numerous lockouts, and issued written warning notices and parking tickets. The parking enforcement program was opened up to all Auxiliaries who want to participate.

In 2009 they will be required to work a minimum of 60 hours per year. The hours will be broken down to 20 hours in the first half of the year and 20 hours in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the year. The training goals will consist of a MACE class and a self defense class.

The Auxiliaries will continue to try and make the citizens feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods. They will also continue to address some of the quality of life issues affecting our community.

BAC DATAMASTER, 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared by
Lieutenant David Hinzman

The Bedford Police Department currently has 35 Officers and Jailers who are qualified to administer BAC tests using the BAC DataMaster. Of those, 13 are Senior Operators and 22 are Operators. The addition of our jailers as BAC Operators has proved to be very beneficial as it frees up an officer that normally would have been tied up administering the test in the jail. Both the Senior Operators and Operators are tested by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) each fiscal year by taking a written and proficiency test to show their understanding of the breath testing equipment. Senior Operators have additional training in the care and maintenance of the DataMaster. An instrument check is performed every seven (7) days to show that the DataMaster is operating correctly and within the standards set by the ODH.

Our Department conducted a total of 132 BAC tests on our DataMaster this year. Actual DUI arrests totaled 48 in 2008, up from 35 in 2007 and equal to those in 2006. Of the 48 total OVI's, 43 were via breath (BAC), 3 with blood and 2 with urine. The blood and urine OVI's usually are because the driver was involved in an accident and had to go to the hospital. After the blood and urine samples are taken, they are then sent to the lab at the Cuyahoga County Coroner's office where they are processed. We then receive the results in 4-6 weeks. Eighteen (18) of our 48 OVI's were refusals to take the breath test, up from thirteen (13) last year. This could possibly be attributed to the lower "under the influence" level of .08 and they are afraid that they will be over the limit, or the fact that they know they will lose their license for 1 year, but that the Court will reinstate their operators license with work driving privileges. In some cases they are too intoxicated to give a proper breath sample which then results in a refusal. On two (2) occasions an invalid sample was given and on 2 others, the drivers ended up not being charged due to a too low of a reading.

The following is a breakdown of the DataMaster tests performed in the year 2008:

Total Tests Run (BPD):.....	132
Bedford Police DUI's.....	43....+ 3 blood
Refusals	18 +2 urine
Not Charged.....	2 = 48 total OVI's
Invalid Samples	2
Other	1
Instrument Checks.....	54
Proficiency Tests.....	30

At the request of the Bedford court, the BAC DataMaster was used to test 11 individuals throughout the year to determine their level of intoxication when showing up for Court.

The Department was able to secure the funds from a Federal grant in 2009 to conduct an OVI sobriety check point in May, 2009. The funds were made available through a \$3,000 grant from the Ohio OVI Task Force from a donation through University Hospitals of Cleveland and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. We will apply and are looking forward to receiving grant funds for both OVI sobriety checkpoints and SRAD/OVI saturation patrols in 2010.

Our Officers continue to do an outstanding job of apprehending violators who operate vehicles while under the influence of alcohol by actively patrolling the City and making the community aware of self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), SADD, MADD and the Designated Driver program.



COMMUNICATIONS 2008

LT. ROBERT J. KOHN

The Communications Center consists of two identical, independent workstations where our Dispatchers take telephone and 911 calls, communicate via radio with Police, Fire, Service, and surrounding Communities. Independence Communications provided the Moducomm radio console system, and furniture.

Along with handling radio and telephone traffic, the Communications Center also houses the main control panel for the Detention Facility. A similar console is in the Jail itself, controlled by the Jailer when on-duty. The Dispatcher also monitors 5 television screens, representing over fifty color cameras throughout the complex.

In the area of two-way radio, not much has changed. We still operate on the 420MHz spectrum, sharing a frequency with Walton Hills and Oakwood Village. Our portables and mobiles are serviced by North Coast Two-Way of Maple Hts.

To the rear of our station is a 190' monopole radio tower, which serves as a platform for AT&T, Sprint and Nextel. These carriers have small buildings at the base of the tower for their equipment. All Police, Fire, and Service radio equipment is housed in a similar building between the AT&T and Nextel buildings. We have our own platform at 130'.

The telephone system serves the entire City Hall complex, including The Court, Fire, Police, and City Hall. It also serves The Service and Recreation Departments using "IP" (Internet Protocol) data service. This allows these off-premise departments to be connected to our telephone system and to City Hall computers via secure Internet. Our 911 systems, was also installed and maintained by SBC.

We have our own line to LEADS, with the LEADS/OMNIXX software installed on most desktop computers in the station. Since our in-house LEADS is separate from the TAC provided MDT LEADS access, we have system redundancy in the event of a failure of either our line to LEADS or TAC's line to LEADS.

Our mobile data terminal (MDT) service is provided by TAC Computer, who also provides hosting for MDT LEADS access. The computers are Panasonic "Toughbook" computers with touch screen. The connection to TAC is via secure internet provided by Verizon Wireless.



Community Diversion Program

Penny Jarrell

In 2008, the Bedford Police Department continued control over the Community Diversion Program. This is a program funded through a grant with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. The program is designed to deal with juvenile offenders who are arrested for non-violent misdemeanor offenses that would ordinarily go unnoticed and unpunished by an already over-whelmed Juvenile Court system, but are referred to the Community Diversion Program for adjudication and sentencing.

Upon the arrest of a juvenile offender, the paper work is forwarded to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Intake Office. The individual is checked for prior arrests. If he/she has not been arrested before and the charges fall within the parameters for Diversion, the file is returned to the departments Juvenile Diversion Coordinator. The Coordinator schedules an interview with the juvenile and his parents/guardians to determine if the juvenile would comply and benefit from the program. The Juvenile Coordinator then determines what punishment would best suit the individual and charge. The punishment ranges from writing an essay to community service. The juvenile is then scheduled to appear before a volunteer magistrate in our court. The magistrates volunteer their time and meet once a week. Our two magistrates include Bedford Attorney Sherry Pidala and Janice St. John. The magistrate hears the particulars of the case and the recommendations of the program coordinator and determines the sentence for that individual. In most cases, it follows the recommendation of the program coordinator.

Most youths are placed into community service and are required to complete a pre-determined number of community service hours. Officers of the department oversee the community service and transport the youths as needed. Some youths are sent to the Fire Dept. or the High School and some are assigned to help clean up the Bedford Commons area after events that are held there. In most cases the youths pick up trash, rake leaves and shovel snow for our senior citizens who call in and request assistance, and any other jobs we can find for them.

Penny Jarrell, a Bedford resident, handles the responsibilities of the program coordinator.

This past year we have seen an increase in the number of juveniles placed in the program. The main reason can be attributed to a more

aggressive approach to handling juvenile offenders. Juveniles are being held more accountable for their actions.

The following is a breakdown of the Community Diversion Program:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total youths	45	49
Males	24	26
Females	21	23
African-American	33	36
Caucasian	11	13
Hispanic	1	0
Asian	0	0
Youngest child was in	4 th grade	5 th grade
Youths successfully completed	40	43
Failed and referred back To Juvenile Court	5	6
<u>Residence</u>		
Bedford	27	34
Bedford Hts.	6	9
Oakwood Vlg	5	5
Other	7	1
<u>School</u>		
Bedford High School	25	35
Heskett Jr. High	8	10
Aurora	0	0
Columbus Rd.	0	0
Carylwood	2	2
Do not attend Bedford District	7	1
Chanel	3	0
Education Alternatives	0	1
<u>Who generated complaints?</u>		
Bedford PD	40	36
Bedford Hts. PD	0	0
Oakwood Vlg PD	2	0
Businesses	0	1
Other	0	0
Bedford Board of Education	0	12
Parent	3	0

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Type of offenses</u>		
Disorderly Conduct	16	17
Curfew violations	14	5
Possession of drugs/paraphernalia	2	2
Unruly Child	1	1
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle	3	0
Petty Theft	2	3
Criminal Trespass	3	5
Criminal Damaging	5	1
Assault	4	2
Criminal Mischief	0	0
Underage Consumption /	2	1
Menacing	0	1
Inducing Panic	0	1
Making False Alarms	0	0
Truancy from School	1	3
Sexual Imposition	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	0
Fireworks	0	0
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	1	0
Falsification	0	0
Loitering	0	0
Runaway	1	0
Public Indecency	0	0
Obstructing Official Business	3	0
Gambling	1	0
Walking in the Street	0	11
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0	1
 Total hours of		
Community Service	648	516

For 2009, we have been approved for the \$7,500 grant. Of the 40 plus agencies that participates in the program, Bedford is one of only a few departments to receive this maximum amount. In addition, Penny Jarrell will be handling the Juvenile Diversion Program, and all other duties related to juvenile offenses, in a full time position with the department.



BEDFORD POLICE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT 2008 ANNUAL REPORT – LT. R. BOROWIAK

THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT HAD ANOTHER BUSY YEAR IN 2008. THE UNIT IS SUPERVISED BY LT. BOROWIAK AND HAS THREE NEW MEMBERS THAT ATTENDED THE OPOTA BASIC CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM IN 2008.

THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ARE PATROLMAN KEVIN WEBB, PATROLMAN STACEY PAINTER AND PATROLMAN BRIAN SARA. THE UNIT WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL WORTHWHILE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

OFFICERS PRESENTED CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY RELATED MATERIALS TO BEDFORD RESIDENTS AND GUESTS DURING SEVERAL OF THE CITY SPONSORED EVENTS ON THE SQUARE.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO A LACK OF SENIORS SIGNING UP AND A DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN AN OVERTIME GRANT PROGRAM CALLED CLICK-IT OR TICKET IN CONJUNCTION WITH RAINBOW BABIES AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. OFFICERS WORKED APPROXIMATELY 40 HOURS OVERTIME ENFORCING SEATBELT AND SPEEDING LAWS.

THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME EVENT WAS HELD AT CITY HALL ON AUGUST 5TH WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE TARGET CORPORATION AND WAS A MODERATE SUCCESS. IT IS UNCERTAIN IF WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM IN 2009.

OFFICERS ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE HELMET SMART PROGRAM DISTRIBUTING CERTIFICATES FOR A FREE PIZZA TO JUVENILES WEARING A BICYCLE HELMET WHILE RIDING THEIR BIKES.

PLANS FOR 2009 INCLUDE SOME OF THE ANNUAL EVENTS ALONG WITH TEACHING THE THIRD GRADE SEATBELT PROGRAM TO ALL THIRD GRADERS IN THE BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.



OLEN/LEADS - 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

SERGEANT GERARD J. ARTL

Law Enforcement Automated (LEADS)
National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
Interstate Identification Index (III)
Computerized Criminal History (CCH)
Ohio Law Enforcement Network (OLEN)
Mobile Data Terminal (MDT)

2008 was the Bedford Police Departments third full year in the OLEN system. This system allowed dispatchers to use one continual CAD log instead of several different files streamlining the dispatch record keeping.

JANUARY 17, 2008 A LEADS AUDIT WAS COMPLETED WITH 100% FULL COMPLIANCE AND NO VIOLATIONS.

The Department continues to utilize the modern technology made available to us through the use of Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's). The MDT's got streamlined to the CAD system to upload police and accident reports from the MDT's to the CAD. Accident reports are now completed through the MDT thus eliminating the officer to hand write the report. Officers clear their cad entries from the patrol cars also. Software for automated citation printouts was added to the TAC.

Michelle Cutright is the police department's TAC Officer. Dispatcher Heidi Derrit is the assistant TAC officer. Both continue to do an outstanding job with their responsibilities. Sgt. Artl oversees the TAC operations.

Short-term goals are:

1. Add an additional mapping system to the CAD.
2. Continual training with CAD.

D.A.R.E.
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

Ptlm. Keith L. Collins



The school year 2008-2009 had two DARE officers, Ptlm. Keith Collins of Bedford PD and Ptlm. Dennis Jezior of Bedford Heights PD. The current DARE program, which was researched by University of Akron, consists of nine lessons and a culmination ceremony.

Officer Collins taught at Holy Spirit Academy with 20 students. Officers Jezior presented the program to approximately 700 students at Columbus Intermediate School and Carylwood Intermediate School. At the present time, there are no DARE officers presenting the middle school program at Heskett Middle School or the high school program.

The Sixth Annual Charity Basketball game between Bedford Schools and the area police departments was again a success. Money raised this year was through ticket sales, 50/50 raffle, bike giveaway, and the half court shot. This year the men and women in Blue won the game. TEAM BEDFORD leads the series 3 to 3. The proceeds are split between the DARE program and the District Boot and Shoe fund.

I've completed 15 years as a DARE officer for the Bedford Police Department and the Bedford City School District. It has been an honor to serve the community in which I was raised and educated. Being a part of the community and helping to educate our children is an awesome responsibility. Without the support of the city administration, police administration, school administration, businesses, and parents, this program would not have the success it has had since the beginning in 1983.



Detective Bureau
Detective Sergeant Tim Oleksiak

The Bedford Police Detective Bureau works diligently everyday to investigate and solve crimes within the city.

The bureau is comprised of (4) four Detectives and a Secretary.

They are:

- 1) Detective Sergeant Tim Oleksiak
- 2) Detective Dennis Bergansky
- 3) Detective Shawn Klubnik
- 4) Detective Brian Byard
- 5) Detective Buck Kidd
- 6) Secretary Janey Kay Mackiewicz

Det Byard is still assigned to the SEALE Narcotics Unit.

The Detectives duties include, all follow-up investigations turned over by patrol and felony investigations initiated by the detectives.

Coordinating court cases and assisting the prosecutor in Bedford Municipal Court. The detective bureau manages the in-take and destruction of recovered property and drugs. All detectives provide testimony before the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury on all felony cases, and crime scene processing. Each detective is responsible for the follow-up of numerous cases each day.

Some of the major cases the detective bureau worked on in 2008...

- The arrest of Jerry Sims for attempted murder and felonious assault in a shooting at I-Hop. The case is still pending in court. Sims is a suspect in other shootings in Cleveland.

- The arrest and conviction of Shawn Waugh, wanted for armed robbery of a male on the west side of Bedford. Waugh was sentenced to a total of ten years in prison.

- The arrest and conviction Anthony McCarter for numerous counts of rape, unlawful sex with a minor and pandering sexually oriented material. McCarter was sentenced to seventeen years in prison with no parole. He will be classified a tier 2 and tier 3 sex offender.

- The arrest and conviction of Shandrika Tennant for attempted murder, in the stabbing and cutting of another female in an argument. Tennant was sentenced to four years in prison.

The Bedford Police Detective Bureau prides itself on having an excellent reputation and working relationship with all state and federal agencies as well as working very closely with the S.E.A.L.E. Narcotics unit.

During 2008, the bureau conducted investigations into all types of cases culminating in numerous felony indictments.

Goals for 2009 are to utilize DNA forensics in evidence collection. Upgrade some video and communication equipment. Continue the war on drugs, and the apprehension and prosecution of criminal activity in and around the City of Bedford.



Equipment Violations

Patrolman Dave Eschweiler

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>
RGB	0	0	0
DAH	10	1	9
ELM	1	1	0
RC	13	0	13
DE	1	0	1
SF	7	0	7
PK	9	2	7
BK	2	0	2
JP	8	0	8
JR	6	1	5
MJS	9	1	8
RJN	17	7	10
JM	1	0	1
JK	6	0	6
GA	9	3	6
MS	2	0	2
RS	10	1	9
DD	3	0	3
KN	2	0	2
SP	9	3	6
BG	6	0	6
RGB	0	0	0
MW	5	1	4
BL	9	3	6
BS	14	5	9
KW	10	1	9
JMS	10	2	8
NK	7	0	7
TOTAL	186	32	154



2008 Firearms Annual Report

Lt. Ron Niemann

The Bedford Police Department Firearms Program continued to provide valuable survival skills training for our officers. During the beginning of the year, all of our officers completed requalification with their pistols and shotguns. This requalification is mandated by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Counsel. After requalifications were completed, officers honed their point shooting skills for several months. Our officers then shifted to accuracy training by shooting courses that focused on well aimed shots.



In September, the firearms coaches set up and conducted an outdoor range program. Officers were required to complete requalification with rifles and also navigated through a course requiring both quick shots and precision shots with a rifle. That was followed by quick shots with a shotgun, climbing a small fence, and a "run and gun" pistol course. The longer distances at the outdoor range also allowed officers to view the spread pattern of our new shotgun ammunition. It is specifically designed for law enforcement so it does not spread out as much as ordinary buckshot ammunition. It was important for officers to fire it and observe first hand what the pattern looks like at various distances.

An AK-47 and SKS assault rifle were also available so our officers could familiarize themselves with them. All officers learned how to safely clear the weapons of ammunition, and some of the officers took advantage of an opportunity to fire several rounds from them.

The State of Ohio now allows retired police officers to carry concealed weapons. Our department understands the importance of providing retired officers the ability to protect themselves, their families, and the general public. As such, our firearms instructors assisted our retired officers to ensure they met the requirements required by the state, so they can safely carry a concealed weapon. Our instructors also assisted the Bedford Municipal Court Bailiffs with their pistol requalification requirements this year.

Our department is fortunate to have an indoor firing range at our station. By repeatedly conducting this type of training, our officers are better prepared to keep the public and themselves as safe as possible.



Safety Forces Fitness Center
Detective Sergeant Tim Oleksiak

The Bedford Police Department Fitness Center remains one of the busiest places in the facility. The fitness center is open seven days a week twenty-four hours a day. The extensive use the fitness center reflects on the dedication to physical fitness on the Police Department.

Equipment in the fitness center includes:

- (2) Treadmills
- Cable Cross over stations
- Power Lifting stations
- (2) Recumbent Bikes
- (3) Leg stations
- Rowing stations
- Sit up mats
- Free weights
- Sit up stations
- Dip Station
- An Elliptical Machine
- TV/VCR/DVD player

The following statistics are for the Fitness Center use:

- Individual Use both on and off duty: 2230
- The gym was used 1708 times by on duty officers
- Average per month: 185
- Average per day: 6.1

The on duty use for each individual machine is:

- Treadmill #1 use 21181 min.
- Treadmill #2 use 10305 min.
- Bike #1 use 3418 min.
- Bike #2 use 7079 min.
- Elliptical use 15125 min.

Total combined minutes used on the above five machines was 57,108 minutes. That figure computes to an average daily machine use of 156.5 minutes. It is clear that the machines and the gym are very well used and a great asset to the department.

Goals for the year 2009 are to possibly obtain another elliptical machine. To keep the equipment in the best possible condition and to provide a safe, clean, professional environment to keep all police personnel

physically fit. Officer Fitness Evaluations have and will continue to increase the gym use.

ON DUTY GYM USE-2008

Name		01-08	02-08	03-08	04-08	05-08	06-08	07-08	08-08	09-08	10-08	11-08	12-08	Total
Artl	Gerard													0
Bergansky	Dennis J.	7	2	2		2	8	6	4		5	6	5	47
Borowiak	Richard	7	8	7	7	8	5	9	4	9	9	8	6	87
Byard	Brian						1							1
Chase	Robert	11	12	11	8	10	7	5	11	11	11	11	13	121
Collins	Keith													0
Dickson	David	1					6	3	11	2	8	3	1	35
Duber	Gregory	6	5	4	6	5	6	5	4	3	4	1	4	53
Francis	Sean	1	1	1	1									4
Geiger	Brian	10	11	4	9	11	11	7	7	11	5	5	7	98
Hinzman	David	6	6	10	7	3	7	2	6	5	6	2		60
Kehl	Nick										1	5		6
Kellermann	Paul	1	3	5	5	4	1	2	7	2	1	5	7	43
Kidd	Buck M.	3												3
Kirkwood	Jeff	5	6											11
Klubnik	Shawn M.	8	10	5	9	4	8	3	1	4	3	3	3	61
Kohn	Robert	10	8	8	4		1			3	3		1	38
Lang	Ben	7	2	7	14	6	5	6	8	3	6	5	4	73
Martukovich	Joseph	5	10	10	12	4	13	4	10	9	10	9	10	106
Mementowski	Edward	5	8	6	9	12	2	7	1	4	9	8	9	80
Niemann	Ronald	4	6	5	7	3	3	6	7	2	2	1	6	52
Nietert	Kris	10	8	5	7	5	9	3	8	7	6	5	6	79
Oleksiak	Timothy	4	2				1					1		8
Painter	Stacy	5	4	3	5	2	4	2	2	6	1	8	10	52
Pfaff	John	14	12	9	5	8	8	6	13	1	2	11	9	98
Ritter	James F.				1	1	2		1	1				6
Sara	Brian	13	10	13	6	10	8	9	11	6	7	9	4	106
Sisak	Justin											1	1	2
Stask	Michael J.	12	12	8	10	12	8	13	9	6	8	8	13	119
Stemple	Martin	14	11	6	12	7	6	14	8	8	10	11	14	121
Suts	Rick	8	5	5	3	5	2		2	2	1			33
Webb	Kevin			1	2	3						1		7
Witkiewicz	Mark	10	10	5	6	9	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	98
Total		187	172	140	155	134	141	120	144	113	126	135	141	1708

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Elyptical	2255	1890	1491	1221	689	1051	859	1055	632	892	1627	1463	15125
Treadmill #1	1395	1571	1580	1546	1396	1101	2265	1828	1186	2249	2654	2410	21181
Treadmill #2	635	601	735	679	957	637	1463	1305	1350	1129	306	508	10305
Bike #1	367	305	219	284	209	201	491	253	265	272	265	287	3418
Bike #2	1140	770	687	745	535	309	312	302	320	418	655	886	7079



Bedford City Jail
Lieutenant Robert Kohn

The Bedford City Jail is a State approved, twelve (12) day holding facility consists of six (6) double occupancy cells, (3) three dayrooms with shower facilities, television and eating space, (1) single occupancy administrative/segregation cell, two (2) holding cells, one (1) Detox cell, inmate/public visitation rooms, attorney visitation room, interview room, multi purpose room, kitchen, laundry room, storage room, property storage, processing area and booking desk.

Our Jail is staffed by four Corrections Officer's, one Full-Time and 3 Part-Time, permitting coverage 84 hours per week (12hrs.per day/ 7 days a week). The remainder of the time the jail duties are handled by the full time officers on duty. We anticipate expanding the hours to have jailer coverage until midnight every night.

The Bedford City Jail is classified as a Twelve Day Holding Facility, and must meet these minimum standards annually during a state inspection. We were in 100% compliance at our July Inspection.

Jail Officers are responsible for the booking, processing, care, and release of all persons arrested and charged. They handle intake/release, visitations, showers, feeding, medication dispensing, assisting with transportation, and fingerprinting. They also handle the fingerprinting of civilian applicants, Ohio WebCheck, who work in different fields within the city who are required by the state to be fingerprinted, i.e. car salespersons, teachers, child and elderly care professionals, etc.

In 2008 the Jail continued its contract with Dr. Arnold Feltoon to handle all medical needs and concerns in regards to inmates. Dr. Feltoon reviewed and approved our medical standards so they would comply with the state. The doctor is available 24/7 for consultation, and we consult with the doctor on every case in which a prisoner request medical care, or has a prescription to take.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Contacted	75	85
Transported to Hospital	11	10

The following is a breakdown of persons charged and booked into the Bedford City Jail.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Booked into the Jail	1672	1456
Felons	161	176
Misdemeanors	969	836
Sentenced	262	198
Warrants	280	238

Total days incarcerated:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
One	1236	1052
Two	103	119
Three	58	59
Four	40	41
Five	42	38
Over 5	200	147

Average time incarcerated:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
38 hours, 8 minutes	48 hours, 7 minutes

Cost to feed inmates:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$28,508.50	\$20,517.00

All meals are purchase and picked up from U.H.H.S. Bedford Medical Center. This insures that all meals are nutritious and meet state standards. The cost of prisoner meals in 2008 was still \$3.50 a meal.

The County Jail remains closed to all misdemeanor-sentenced prisoners. Local jails house sentenced prisoners, with the County paying a \$65 per day fee for County prisoners. Through a cooperative agreement between our Jail, Bedford Hts. Jail, and the County, we have been able to increase the number of "billable" inmates, thereby offsetting some of the costs of Jail operation. We anticipate raising our per diem to \$75 in 2009.

Revenue returned to the City for Housing County Prisoners:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$134,962.50	\$89,607.50



Juvenile Offenses

Detective Dennis Bergansky

During 2008, the Bedford Police Department made 455 arrests of 268 different juveniles for a total of 618 charges, an increase of 115 arrests from 2007. This includes 65 repeat offenders in 2008, up 16 from 2007. There were three juveniles that were arrested 10 times each.

Of the 455 juveniles charged, 318 were males and 137 were females. There were 24 felonies and 431 misdemeanors.

In 2008, 131 traffic tickets (down 14 from 2007) were issued to juveniles resulting in 161 separate charges. These consisted of moving, non-moving, equipment violations, underage tobacco, and other misc. citations. Some of the non-moving violations consisted of 11 cites for loud music (down 1 from 2007), 20 cites (up 4 from 2007) for jaywalking/walking in roadway, 15 citations were issued for underage possession of tobacco products, and 14 (up 9 from 2007) for not wearing a seatbelt.

Juveniles walking in the street, continues to be an important concern of the residents. They are very appreciative when they see the police handling this problem aggressively. It also appears that the aggressive juvenile enforcement could have something to do with daytime burglaries being down this past year.

The Bedford Police Department will continue to monitor the juvenile complaints and concerns throughout the city in 2009 and be aggressive in its enforcement.



2008 K-9 Annual Report
Ptlm. Ed Mementowski

City of Bedford Police Department 2008 K-9 Report

The City of Bedford Police Department maintained two working K-9 units throughout 2008. Ptlm. E. Mementowski with K-9 Moses and Ptlm. D. Dickson with K-9 Cannon.

K-9 calls for service decreased over this past year and the K-9's were only used 52 times throughout the year with a large majority of the calls coming from mutual aid to other cities.

The following is a breakdown of the 52 calls for service:

Narcotics/ Drug searches : 22 times

Tracking suspects: 16 times

Building searches: 7 times

Area searches: 2 times

Back up / prevention : 3 times

Public Demo: 1 time

Crowd control: 1 time

Of the above calls for service, 25 of them were for mutual aid to cities and villages as follows: Maple Hts 14 times, Garfield Hts, Northfield Village and SEAL Narcotics Unit 2 times each and once for the following, Warrensville Hts., Bedford Hts., Macedonia, Oakwood Village, and Twinsburg.

Both K-9 units maintained their certifications from the State of Ohio and the North American Police Working Dog Association.

Unfortunately by the end of 2008, a decision was made to retire K-9 Cannon and not replace him.



Motor Vehicle Accident Reports

Michelle Cutright

The Bedford Police Department investigated 459 motor vehicle accidents in 2008, which is a decrease of 15% from 2007. There were 91 injury accidents and 36 property damage accidents. Pedestrian and bicycle accidents also slightly decreased. There were 5 pedestrian accidents and 1 bicycle accident. The City of Bedford had 2 fatal accidents, which was one more than 2007. Officers also investigated 38 hit skip accidents, 27 of them were solved for an outstanding clearance rate of 71%. There were 300 crash related citations in 2007 and 311 crash related citations in 2008.



Officer Arrests

Sergeant Rick Suts

OFFICER	TRAFFIC	PARKING	CRIMINAL
CHIEF DUBER	1	0	2
LT. BOROWIAK	7	12	6
LT. NIETERT	32	15	44
LT. NIEMANN	83	83	94
LT. HINZMAN	44	70	14
SGT. ARTL	61	2	21
SGT. SUTS	46	11	48
PTL. MARTUKOVICH	117	24	50
PTL. KOZAR	37	25	29
PTL. CHASE	100	79	83
PTL. MEMENTOWSKI	94	66	37
PTL. PFAFF	102	82	47
PTL. STEMPLE	498	67	28
PTL. COLLINS	0	0	34
PTL. ESCHWEILER	47	82	71
PTL. DICKSON	109	45	57
PTL. RITTER	89	69	88
PTL. FRANCIS	87	35	49
PTL. KIRKWOOD	67	39	65
PTL. STASK	107	83	93
PTL. KELLERMANN	87	56	88
PTL. WITKIEWICZ	80	53	71
PTL. LANG	72	34	89
PTL. GEIGER	72	48	71
PTL. WEBB	109	61	107
PTL. PAINTER	118	95	126
PTL. SARA	142	103	135
PTL. SISAK	62	45	121
PT. KEHL	33	28	42
DET. SGT. OLEKSIK	0	0	13
DET. BERGANSKY	3	0	32
DET. KLUBNIK	0	0	26
DET. KIDD	0	0	34
DET. BYARD	0	0	10
JAILER CLOSS			184
JAILER KARHAN			118
JAILER ROBINSON			28
JAILER CARSTARPHEN			19
OTHER SOURCES		27	10
TOTALS	2506	1439	2284



Property Room

Detective Shawn Klubnik

The property room of the Bedford Police Department is used to store evidence, recovered property, and confiscated items that need to be secured. Evidence and property are stored together with drugs having a separate, well ventilated, storage room. Money confiscated from defendants is secured in a safe until dispositions are handed down from the courts.

The Bedford Police Department handled 390 various incidents where property, drugs or money was entered into property. 293 incidents consisted of property/evidence, 15 consisted of money being taken from defendants for drug and/or theft offenses and 82 consisted of various drug cases.

The Bedford police department continues to support Rick Case Inc. with their charity, Bikes for Kids. This year 22 bikes were turned over to Rick Case and were donated to needy children during the Christmas season.

Officers again continue to do an excellent job, with the procedures instituted, which leads to maintaining a high level of accountability for property submitted.

The Bedford Police Department continues to make every effort to reunite all recovered and found property to the rightful owners.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

By

Ptln. Keith L. Collins #17



The school year 2008-2009 began my fifth year as a School Resource Officer for the Bedford City School District. It has been increasingly a challenging year. Student population is in flux during most of the school year. Students move in and out of the district throughout the school year. Incidents on campus have decreased from 229 (75 disruptions) in 2007 to 206 (53 disruptions) in 2008. Most of the incidents on campus involve student disruptions of classrooms or school and insubordination to administration, faculty, or staff. Decreases this year may be attributed to aggressive enforcement of the school rules, or the students are familiar with the expectations of the administration, faculty, and staff.

The other increase was in daytime curfew violations. I believe this is due to aggressive enforcement by the patrol officers. There was a decrease in assaults from 2007 (23) and 2008 (18). I believe this is due to aggressive enforcement of school rules, 10-day suspension with a recommendation for expulsion, along with an arrest.

I was assigned to the role of School Resource Officer at Bedford High School in March of 2004. I received my State of Ohio certification in August of 2003 from OPOTC. I received my national certification from the National School Resource Officers Association in July of 2004. In December of 2004, I earned the credential of National SRO (Master SRO) Practitioner.

My role at the high school has been predominately law enforcement and mediations to prevent physical altercations on campus. We have had more mediation this year with students. There were more interpersonal conflicts this year among the freshmen female students. These conflicts many times, have started outside of the school environment and are brought to school on Monday mornings, and escalate to a Thursday confrontation.

I assist with lunch duty and bus duty, but not as much this year. I patrolled the halls more, because students were roaming the halls more. I average about one counseling session a week with a student. This is mostly informal. I average about two mediations a week. Again this is due to more conflicts between students. This is conducted with a grade level principal and/or a grade level counselor. Students are also advised if behavior can and will be considered criminal and the consequences of the behavior.

I have attended the following for training/certifications this year. I attended the Ohio School Resource Officer Training conference in July. I attended the Victim of Crimes/Legal updates at SEALE Regional Training Academy.



S.E.A.L.E.
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM
Detective Sergeant Tim Oleksiak

The responsibilities of the Crisis Intervention Team are:

- Respond to all incidents in the S.E.A.L.E. cities involving a hostage or a barricaded subject.
- Establish communications with the offender and to negotiate a non-violent conclusion to the situation.

The structure and personnel of the S.E.A.L.E. C.I.T. UNIT is as follows:

Unit Coordinator – Chief G. Duber
Bedford Police Dept.

Unit Commander – Det. Sgt. T. Oleksiak
Bedford Police Dept.

Assistant Unit Commander – Ptlm. B. Kozar
Bedford Police Dept.

Det. Doug Dillon
Garfield Hts Police Dept.

Ptl. D. Gasper
Walton Hills Police Dept.

Ptl. Jeremy Jesenovic
Maple Heights Police Dept.

Det. Harry Edwards
Bedford Heights Police Dept.

Sgt. Jamey Hoffman
Solon Police Dept.

Ptl. Holly Miktarian
Oakwood Village Police Dept.

Ptl. Vince Ventura
Oakwood Village Police Dept.

Ptl. Sue Ferris
Maple Heights Police Dept.

Ptln. Brian Kozar retired from the Bedford Police Department and Ptln. Holly Miktarian left the Oakwood Village Police Department. Ptln. Jeremy Jesenovic from Maple Heights Police Department also left the unit. Ptln. Susan Ferris from Maple Heights Police Department joined the unit.

The unit meets and trains once per month. At these meetings, different scenarios, and equipment needs are discussed.

The C.I.T. unit had only one active call-out in 2008 in Solon. The unit was instrumental in forming the Northeast Ohio Negotiators Association (NONA) in late 2007, which in 2008 has grown to approx. sixty members.

In 2008 the unit trained at the Cleveland Police Department "shoot house" with numerous other negotiation teams from N/E Ohio.

The C.I.T. members attended the Midwest Crisis Negotiators conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Our goal in 2009 is to continue to provide the SEALE communities with expert negotiators in bringing hostage, barricaded subjects and suicidal situations to a safe conclusion for all involved.

Year 2008 Annual Report

SEALE Regional Training Academy

Prepared by Academy Manager, Ron Borsch

February 14th 2009

SEALE Academy is a post-graduate facility and group cooperative between the seven communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood, Solon and Walton Hills. We are centrally located in the Bedford Recreation Center. Since it's beginning in 1998, our academy has served over one hundred local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

POSITIVE PUBLICITY AND PRESTIGE

Much has been going on the Internet about our academy's "Tactical First Responder" course and its unique reality proven countermeasures to the active killer, (who causes rapid mass murder events, at schools, workplaces, Etc.). In the world of law enforcement training, this has brought great prestige to Ohio, Bedford, and of course SEALE. Locally, the Bedford Sun newspaper also did a nice story on our academy.

Famous "Street Survival" author and lecturer, Charles Remsberg, examined some of our academy literature about our Tactical First Responder course. This resulted in his calling for a two-hour telephone interview of our manager. Mr. Remsberg's interview was published on one of the most prestigious law enforcement Internet sites, "FORCE SCIENCE", two weeks in a row.

The original article was titled **"Ohio trainer makes the case for single-officer entry against active killers"** Dr. Bill Lewinski, executive director of the Force Science Research Center at Minnesota State University-Mankato offered the report as "an example of one trainer's effort to give tactical instruction a research base". The discriminating readers responding to the article broke the ForceScienceNews.com reader response record, with an **almost 70% favorable** response.

The following week, Force Science News published a follow-up article, **"Solo officers VS active killers: Officers speak out"**. In these two prestigious articles, there were numerous mentions of Ohio, Bedford, SEALE Academy, and our manager. These articles in turn, became conversation pieces on other Internet sites, (such as PoliceOne.com; PoliceMag.com; Tactical Wire.com; GlockTalk.com, and AR15.com), that also recognized the work being done in Ohio, Bedford, and our academy.

Our academy has taken the lead as part of a national movement to the "Multi-tiered SOLO Officer Action model". On PoliceOne.com, 29 % of the articles on active shooters, are about, credit, or mention SEALE Academy. Our academy is also mentioned on the Wikipedia site under active shooters.

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An official of the National Tactical Officers association, (NTOA), recently said they were changing their training doctrine for active killer response to less than the previous four, down to three, two and even a SOLO officer.

The **Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association** invited our manager to be the keynote speaker at their Sept. 18th 2008 Fall Safety conference on School Safety. His presentation was titled "**The Final Option**". (Because there were some school superintendents present, he was also asked to present suggestions for **avoiding the final option** to the audience of 130).

THE BYPRODUCTS OF PUBLICITY AND PRESTIGE

While our academy has been +/- self-supporting for just a few years by a narrow margin, the positive credit and exposure to a larger audience gave us a quantum leap solidly into the black, and deservedly so. Our academy has specialized in training the 1st of the first responders since the year 2000, (shortly after the tragedy at Columbine High School). This good fortune may only last until the area interest is saturated.

While other courses are way down in 2008, the upside showed the highest peak of registration, specifically in the "Tactical First Responder" courses, (22). In 2008, the "Tactical First Responder" course attracted attendees from two other states, including the University of Indianapolis Indiana Chief of police. (There were registrations made for the Washington DC Pentagon Police and a PD in Canada, both of which subsequently canceled for unknown reasons). From all over the United States, our academy manager has fielded numerous telephone calls and E-mails inquiring about more information on the "TFR" course's "Multi-tiered response of Solo officers", and SEALE's reality based research.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

All academy courses benefit professional officers in many other areas.

Our academy's beginning in 1998 was based on motor-skills, hands on arrest tactics, which included: Empty hand confrontations; Handcuffing; Batons; OC/Pepper, TASER, Non-lethal shotgun, and firearms. Outside contractors, from all over the USA have conducted other courses here in Bedford. The Ohio Police Officer Training Council required Continuing Professional Training courses are included, usually conducted by a former Lieutenant from the State Highway Patrol Academy. Some of these classes have continuing education credits for attorneys, who have periodically attended as students.

QUALITY ECONOMICAL TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Tuition for our regular, (not outside contractor), courses are sixty dollars per day. SEALE community officers enjoy a benefit tuition of half that.

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Outside contracting instructors dictate the tuition charged for their courses. For years, we have solicited instructors from inside our SEALE communities, but there has been very little interest.

In 2008, we scheduled two SEALE community co-instructors, one course ran, and the other, on the key officer survival subject of police "Mindset" had to be canceled for lack of registration. Training officers and administrators should revisit their priorities here. Our Mindset class scheduled for March 2nd 2009 has enough registration now to run. This unique course has a presentation module for guest instructor Cleveland's "Super-Cop" Jim Simone, a living treasure to local law enforcement.

DOCUMENTATION OF TRAINING

55 different police agencies attended various courses in 2008, resulting in over 304 student course certificates being issued. This documentation is important for new rules established by the Ohio Police Officers Training Council. 2008 Academy support was 63 % from outside agencies, (2007 was 52%), and 37 % from the SEALE communities, (2007 was 48 %).

FREE TRAINING

On occasion, SEALE Academy sponsors free symposiums such as the 2000 and 2005 seminars for School-Fire-Police discussions on the rapid mass murder in schools and workplaces. In 2007, a free seminar was held for Fire-Police on the subject of terrorist's following the Beslan Russia blueprint for attacking four American schools. All of these were well attended.

For 2008, the courtesy slots we often get from outside instructors were largely passed over for unknown reasons. The end of 2008 marked completion of a long awaited and needed upgrade to our electrical circuit.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY MANAGER

SEALE's academy manager and lead trainer is Ron Borsch who holds international, master, numerous lesser police instructor credentials, and a Black Belt in Karate. He has presented classes to international audiences, in New Orleans LA, Milwaukee WI, Lowell MA, Breezy Point MN and once in Canada. He is a member of the training board of advisors for Lambert Less-Lethal, in Canada. He has been a guest instructor, or assistant instructor, at four different Ohio colleges, and has trained the instructor staffs at Columbus Police Academy, CMHA, and Lake Erie Corrections Institute as police Baton instructors. His ideas, techniques, or essays have been published on numerous Internet sites, a police instructor CD, a police journal, and a gun magazine, (for co-designing a triple stimulus firearms target).



Training - Schools

Nancy Hovan

In the year 2008, officers, dispatchers, and support personnel of the Bedford Police Department accumulated a total of **2,477.5** hours of classroom training/schools held at various locations outside of the department and within the City. This represents an increase of 257.5 hours of classroom training from 2007.

Last year, Lt. Kris Nietert accumulated the most hours of training with 174 hours. The Chief attended an FBINA Conference in Milwaukee WI. Det. Sgt. Tim Oleksiak attended Specialized Strategies in Child Abduction Cases in San Francisco, CA. Sgt. Rick Suts attended a Hazardous Devices Recertification Course in Alabama and also attended the Ohio Police Chiefs Association conference in San Diego, CA. Detective Shawn Klubnik attended 2008 National Amber Alert Conference in Orange County, CA. Ptlm. Mike Stask attended Benelli Armorer School in Fairfax, VA.

Some of the other locations that personnel were sent to last year for schools are as follows:

1. Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy
2. Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy-Richfield
3. Independence
4. Cleveland
5. Columbus
6. Twinsburg
7. Metroparks
8. Cleveland Police Department
9. Solon
10. Lakeland Community College
11. Macedonia
12. Nelson's Ledges



Vehicle Fleet
Lieutenant Robert Kohn

The Bedford Police Departments Vehicle fleet consists of 20 vehicles, 9 marked patrol vehicles, 1 Traffic Enforcement car, 1 unmarked school travel vehicle, 3 unmarked detective vehicles, 3 administration vehicles, 1 transport van, 1 animal control vehicle, a U.S. Army surplus M113A2 armored personnel carrier for use in tactical situations, and a Navistar (International) truck tractor to tow the M113. This truck was acquired from the U.S. Navy at no cost. We also have an American Hauler Nite Hawk trailer that is used to house and haul the four (4) Honda generators that we use to power traffic signals during blackouts. This trailer has also proven useful for hauling supplies for outdoor range. Our golf cart was returned to the general City fleet, as we were not making adequate use of it.

In 2008, we took delivery of three new vehicles, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, a 2008 Dodge Charger, and a 200 Chevrolet 4X4 pickup. All three vehicles were purchased through the Federal GSA program, as part of the Dept. of Homeland Security. Purchasing through GSA turns out to be cheaper and easier than State Contract, as the cars are delivered locally. The Chevrolet pickup, our Animal Warden vehicle, was delayed due to a strike, but finally arrived in September.

Maintenance actually decreased as some of our older cars were cycled out. This was more than offset by a drastic increase in fuel. Gasoline prices peaked during the summer at around \$4 per gallon, but have since returned to a more reasonable level. Hopefully this will help us to save some money in 2009.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Miles Driven	256,628	287,023
Gallons of Gas	24,307	27,154
Maintenance Costs	\$29,920.33	\$25,841.90
Gas Costs	\$67,243.59	\$86,900.19
 Total Cost	 \$97,163.92	 \$112,742.09

BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

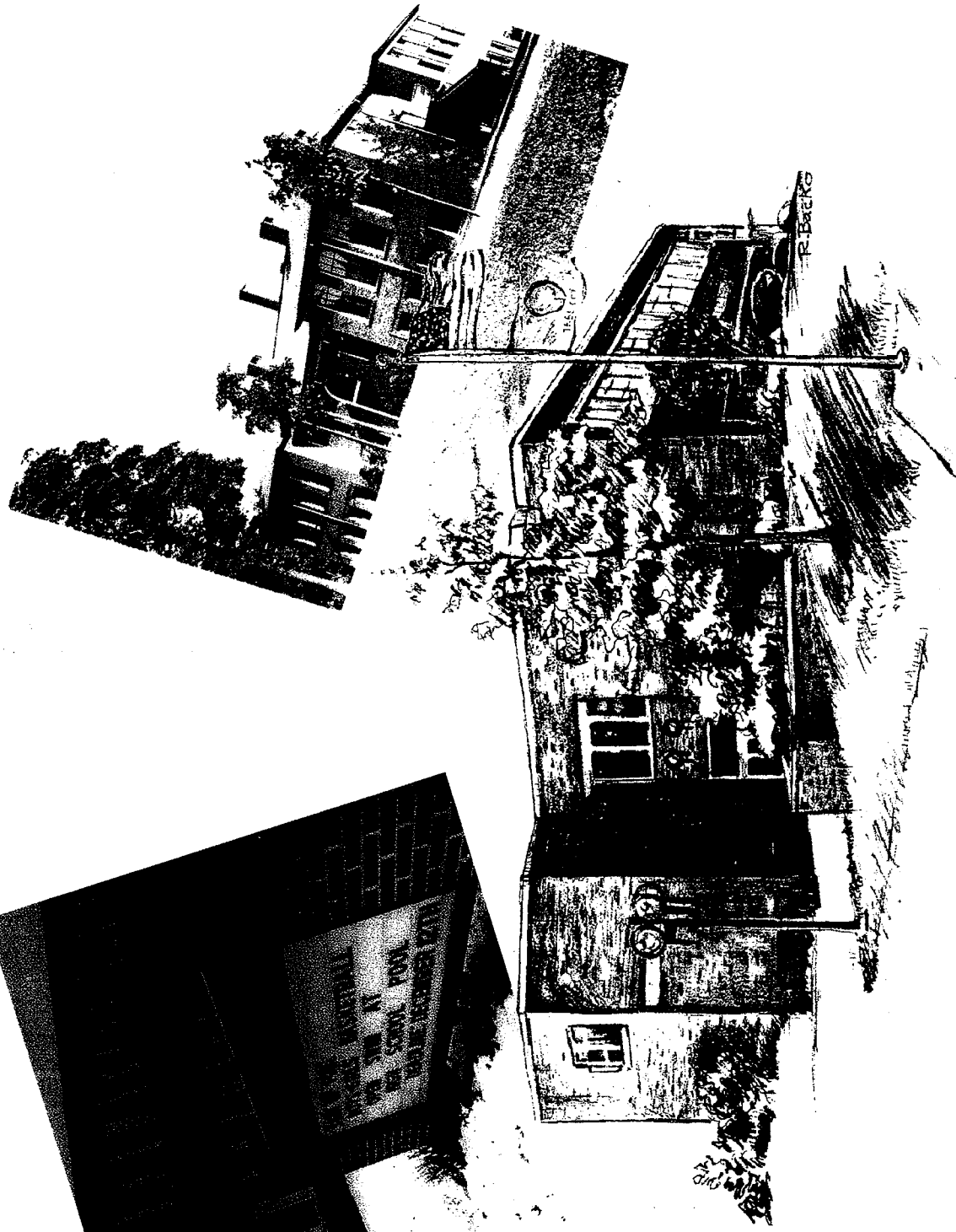
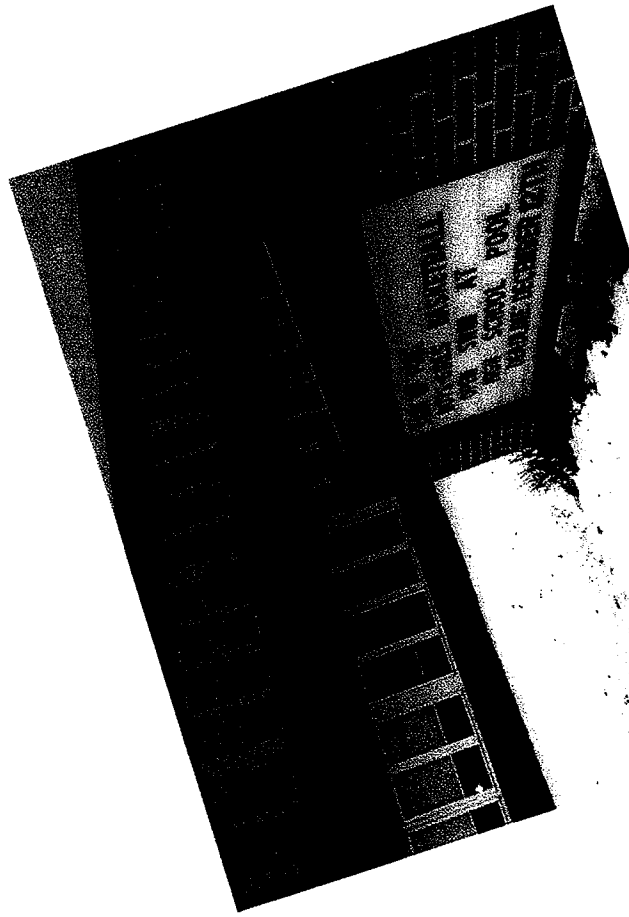
Calls for Service: 01/01/2008 Through 12/31/2008

911 EMERGENCY	231
911 NON-EMERGENCY	65
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE	70
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UTILITIES-SERVICE DEPT	385
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VIOLATION OF PROTECTION OR	4
WEAPON OFFENSE	3
Total	24770



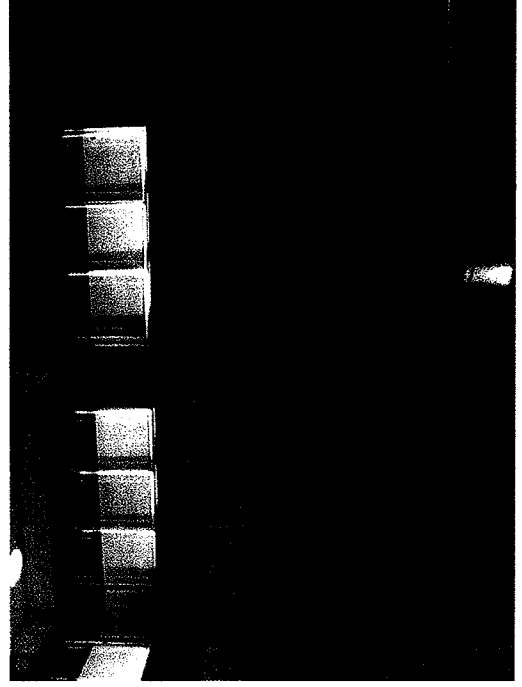
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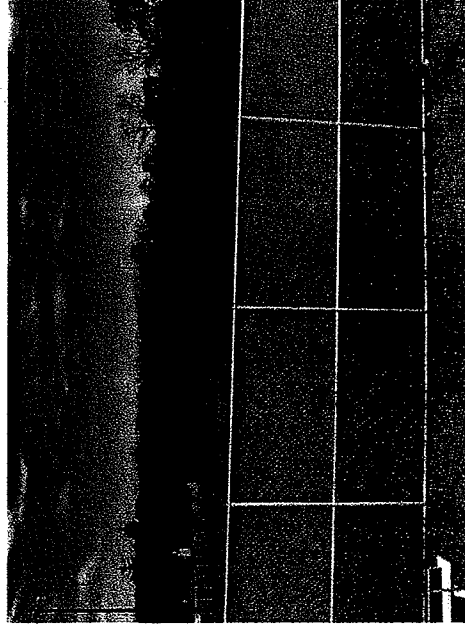


The Ellenwood Gym received a face lift in 2008. Old curtains were removed and new remotely operated multi-color blinds were installed.



This improvement was made possible by a \$3,800 donation we received from the Bedford Community Council

ELLENWOOD FIELD



TAFT "BIG" FIELD



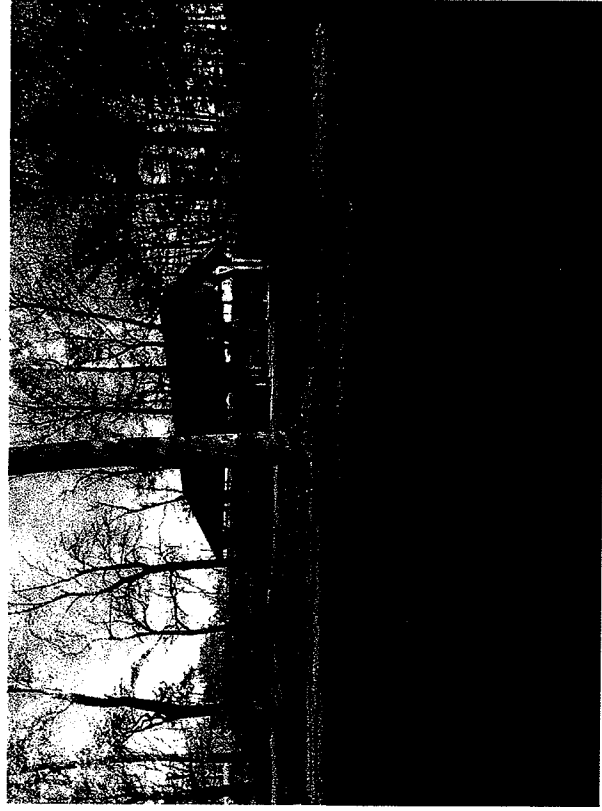
Three of our baseball diamonds got improved In 2008. The Ellenwood, Bedford Glens and Taft Park fields were repaired by adding 100 ton of dirt and a topical additive that helped abate water from making the fields unplayable during summer storms. This product is a granular type of material that once incorporated in the ball field dirt mix helps the fields stay drier when it rains.

BEFORD GLENS

In 2008,

The Bedford Glens saw an upgrade
of a new swing set.

The set was purchased by the
Metroparks and was installed by
the Bedford Recreation
and Service
Departments



This is just another cooperative
venture between the City and the
Metroparks along with the paved
parking lot, new pavilion, new
bathrooms and new landscaping.

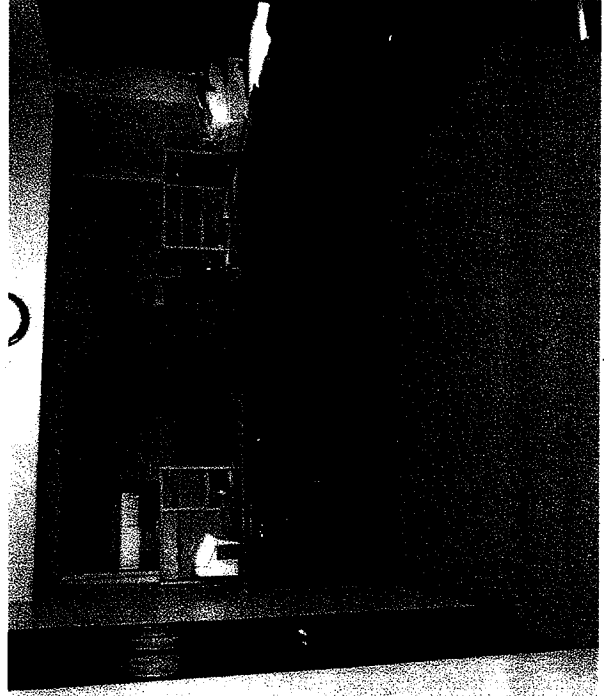


ELLENWOOD OFFICE

The inner office and restroom at the Ellenwood Center was refurbished in 2008.

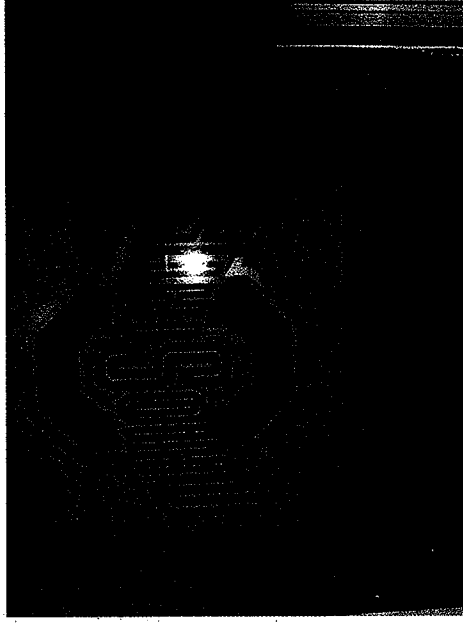
This area had remained in the original state since the building was procured in the early 1980's.

The labor on this project was mostly provided by Tony Romito of the Service Department



The bathroom was accessorized with an Ohio State logo since the colors picked just happened to be scarlet and grey.

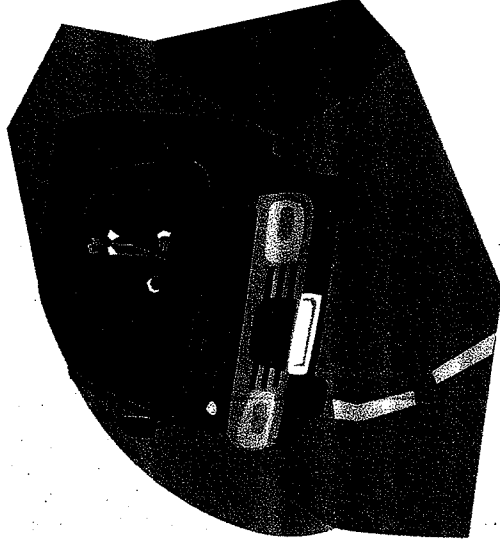
This decision was not unanimously applauded by all staff. Though they are getting used to it.



OTHER RECREATIONAL FAST FACTS AND

ACTIVITIES

- The Recreation Department maintains over 27 acres of property along with the baseball fields at various locations.
- In 2008, over 67,000 people utilized Ellenwood Center with permitted functions; this does not include open gym, or special events/activities.
- More than 30,000 individuals utilized the pavilion with permitted functions (does not include the open to the public uses)
- The Senior Citizen Van provided trips for over 3,200 residents, averaging almost 18 trips a day and logging over 15,800 miles in 2008.
- The Ellenwood Center was open for activities on 325 of 365 days in 2008, almost 90% of the year.



BEDFORD SENIORS

Ongoing Senior Programming

Senior Van Service - Our Senior van travels over a thousand miles a month to serve nearly 300 seniors. The van transports to doctors' visits, shopping trips, personal and business appointments and hospital visits.

Senior Line Dancing - nearly 30 seniors gather each Monday morning to enjoy some exercise and to socialize. This year the group expanded to Thursday evening to serve seniors who are still working.

Senior Chair Aerobics - nearly 60 seniors have fun shaping up with this low impact exercise class.

Craft Class - 15 seniors a month enjoy creating a simple yet interesting craft while visiting with their friends

Senior Movie Wednesdays - 25 seniors gather bi-monthly to enjoy some popcorn and movies from present and past.

Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling - through the Ellenwood Center nearly 90

seniors received helpful advise and assistance in choosing medical and health care plans through Medicare and the private sector.



Seniors cont.....

Older Adult Connection

Our senior residents continue to receive many benefits from our ongoing participation in the Older Adult Connection.

Senior Info Fair – On June 11th over 75 vendors from local and area agencies, businesses, hospitals, and home health care companies provided much needed information at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

Senior Bus Tour – In April, seniors and their families had the opportunity for a group tour of three area senior residential facilities. It provided a non-threatening opportunity for our seniors to see these facilities firsthand and to ask questions and gather information.

Hospital Flu Shots – In November in collaboration with the Bedford Medical Center, flu shots were given at the hospital. In addition to the shots being given in a profession environment the shots were less expensive for self-paying seniors.

Seniors cont.....

Senior Safety Grant – On behalf of all six municipal members of the OAC, Bedford applied and was approved to receive this grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. They were bring impressed by the regional collaboration of the OAC. This grant could \$75,000 dollars of assistance to our area seniors by paying for the purchase and installation of safety apparatus in their homes. To date 23 Bedford Seniors have received assistance.

In March, a senior home safety course will be taught at Ellenwood in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

VIP/SWU Volunteers – 62 different community volunteers, some from area churches, have assisted 98 area seniors with a variety of chores around their homes. These volunteers have painted garages, sprayed bees and ants, cut grass, clean yards, raked leaves, shoveled sidewalks, removed appliances, replaced light bulbs and smoke detector batteries, unclogged drains, fixed steps, installed mailboxes, picked up groceries and prescriptions, and driven seniors to hospital appointments.

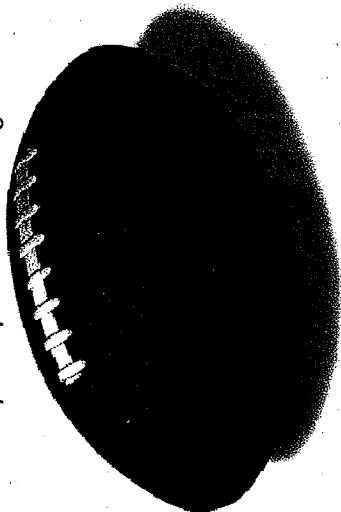


Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Memorial Day coordination
- Fourth of July participation
- Fireworks Extravaganza
- Men's Golf Outing
- Senior Picnic
- Baseball Days
- Progressive Field
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party
- Food Commodity Distribution



99 participants in fall league



56 participants on swim team
112 participants in swimming lessons

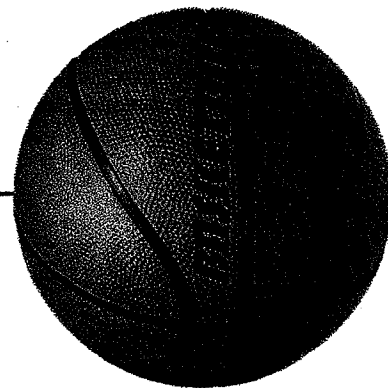
YOUTH SPORTS



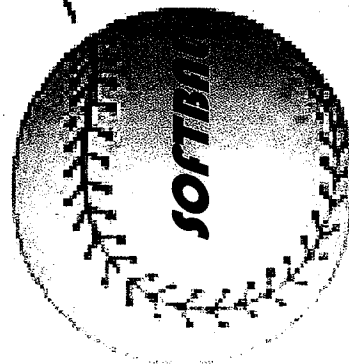
223 participants in spring league
133 participants in fall league



342 participants in summer rec. league
3 summer travel teams
3 All-Star tournament teams



122 participants in instructional program



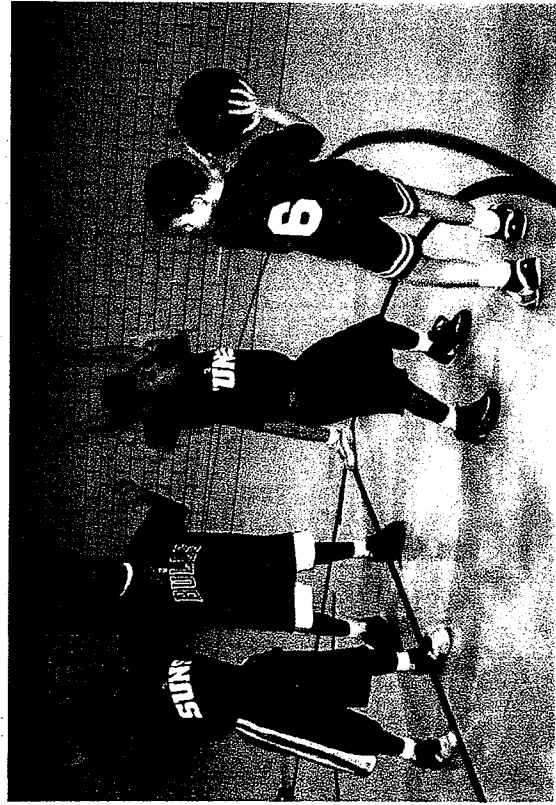
98 participants in summer rec. league
2 summer travel teams
3 fall travel teams



The benefits are endless...

Additions to Youth Basketball

- We added a Pee Wee division in our instructional basketball program to include ages 6 and 7.
- We increased our program from 6 to 8 weeks.
- We also added weekly awards to highlight players leading in stats and demonstrating sportsmanship and improvement.

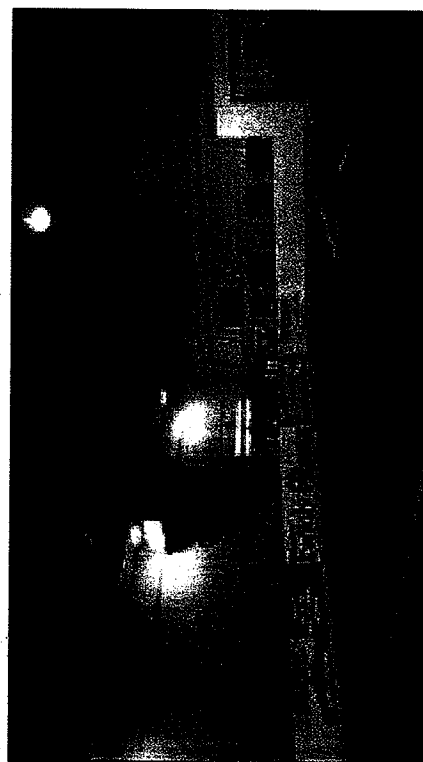
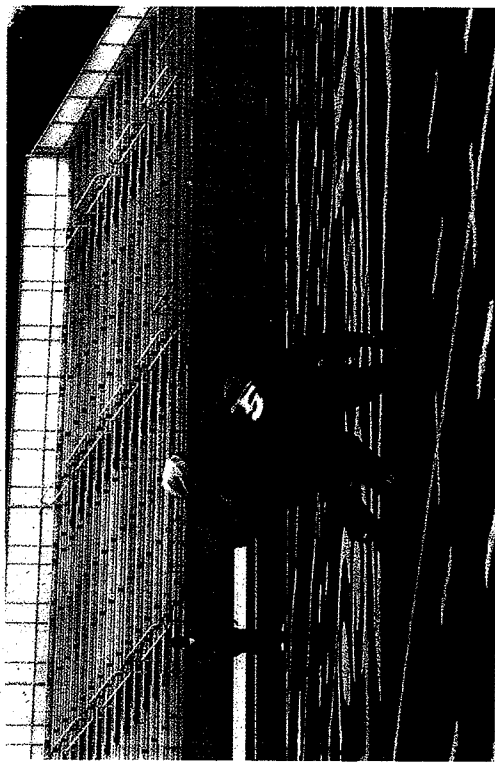




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Collaborations

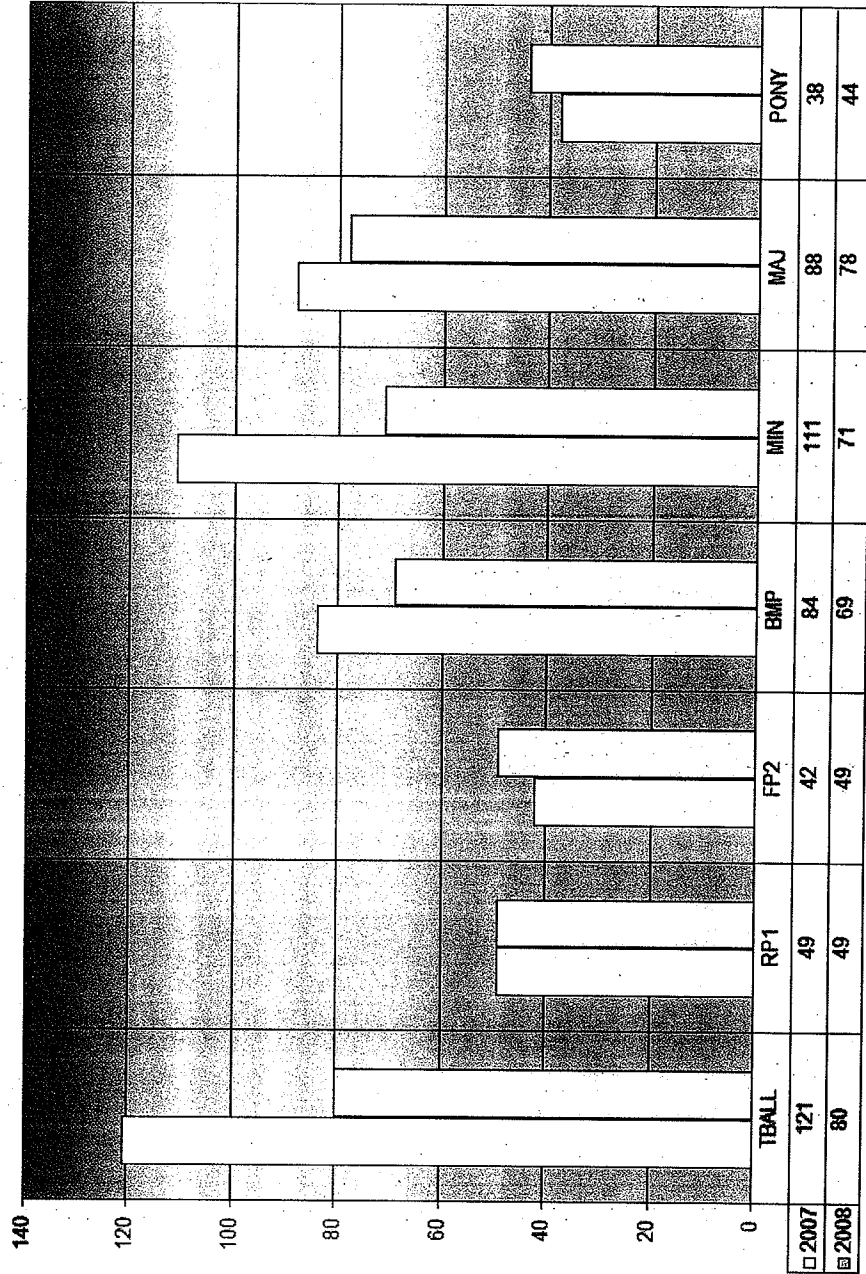
- We've continued our collaboration with the Bedford City School District and St. Peter Chanel High School.
 - We utilize BHS's indoor pool for two nights a week in January-March.
 - We are given access to the baseball and softball fields.
 - We hold flag football playoffs at Bearcat stadium.
 - We use Chanel's property for our Firework Extravaganza.
- We've extended a partnership with the MetroPlex in Warrensville Hts.
 - We were provided two indoor field for two Saturdays to host soccer practices for our spring teams.





Setbacks in Baseball

- We've dropped 17.5% in our summer baseball and softball participation due to free registration in Bedford Heights.
- However, we are very optimistic to increase these numbers because of our coaches, positive reputation, and competitiveness of our league.





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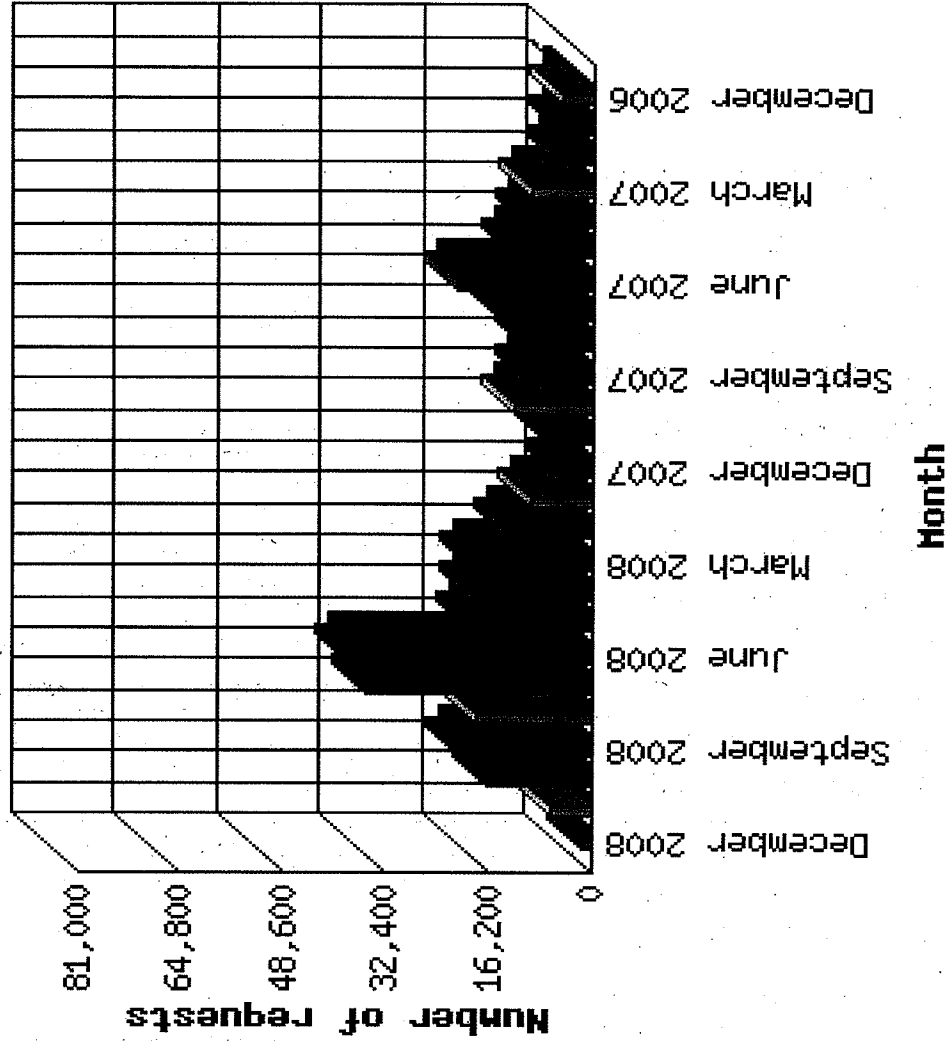
WELCOME

Welcome to the City of Bedford's Recreation Website! This site has recently undergone many cosmetic changes. It will now be easier to navigate and use. We hope you find it helpful in providing updates and additional information for the residents and visitors of Bedford. Please be patient with our efforts to better serve and inform you!

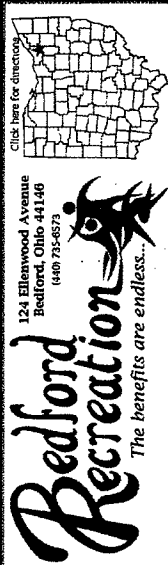
What are we missing? What do you need to know? If you have any suggestions, links, or ideas for this site, please drop Sarah an email at info@cityofbedfordrecreation.net.

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Monthly Report



- Since 2006, our department has created and maintained its own website.
- This allows us to serve the public 24/7 and provide additional information more effectively through the internet.
- Some examples are:
 - Individuals can view rooms and obtain rental applications.
 - League schedules, statistics, and field conditions.
 - Directions and photos to our parks and facilities.
- In 2008, the website's monthly average was **17,888 requests (hits)**.
- Since its inception, the website has handled **439,793 total requests**.



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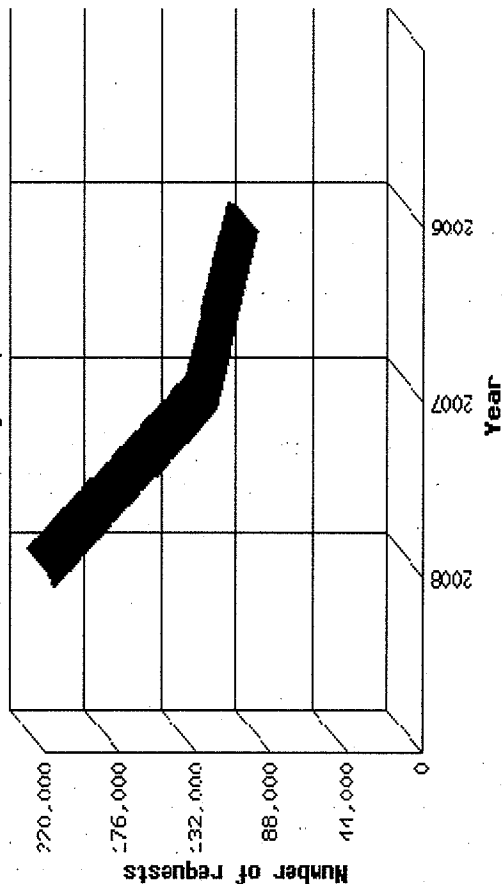
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- Having continual increasing web traffic and eager requests from citizens, we improved our website even more!

- We added photos of our tot lots and parks.
- We created a website for our Men's 4x4 and Over 30 League.
- We have created an electronic mailing list with over 150 residents' email addresses. Citizens are able to receive reminders about our special events and sports registration.

- Our future plans include having a website for our swim team and adult softball teams.

Yearly Report



Year	Number of requests
2006	99,730
2007	123,164
2008	216,899

One final thought.....

With the exception of the Water and Tax Departments whose primary interaction with residents comes as a result of paying a bill, the Recreation Department personally touches the lives of more residents, infants through seniors, than any other department in the city. We strive diligently throughout the year to create community and to improve the quality of life in Bedford through our people, parks and programs.

